



Ecosystem Protection Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: 06/24/2011

Start Time: 09:00

End Time: 10:30

Meeting Method: Conference Call, Go-To Meeting

Attendance: Adam Pack (Chair), Lisa White (Staff lead), Take Tomson, Alex Sheftic, Jack Kittinger, Lou Herman, Jon Martinez, Eric Kingma, Malia Chow, Joe Paulin, Colin, Joey, Paul, Jean, Justin

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I. Work plan review

- Adam refreshed group on objective and description for the working group

II. Membership

- Correct Ari to Alan Friedlander on technical expert list

- Missing ecologist perspective. Rob Toonen, HIMB and John Rooney, CRED have requested to be on working group. Could add as member or technical expert

- Additional technical expert – Charles Littnan, PIFSC

- Base additional membership on expertise needed, Rob has good connectivity experience. Charles and Alan have species specific expertise.

III. Road Map – Draft by Adam that identifies core topics that working group members can volunteer to lead

- Topics to address:

1. Public Comments – Working group members should review comments, recognize the comments are not scientific assessment but can get qualitative assessment. Anna and Tim's analysis good starting point.
LEAD: ALEX
STAFF: LISA
2. Hawaii Marine Ecosystem Protections at Present Time – Determine what agencies currently active, would be Statewide assessment not limited to Sanctuary boundaries. Include current processes (eg Monk Seal Critical Habitat and PEIS). Make sure analysis not redundant NOAA Pacific Services Center has tool started on Legislative Atlas. Remove education



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component of analysis which is being addressed by Ocean Literacy working group

LEAD: TAKE

STAFF: ED, JUSTIN

3. Existing Documents Considering Adding Species – differs from 2 because more 3 biological and 2 is more jurisdictional. Identify current research and list potential technical experts to invite

LEAD: ADAM, JON

STAFF: JOEY, ED

4. Traditional Practices and Models – Invite expert like Saul? Connect with Cultural Working Group. There will be overlap with other WG. Make sure connect with all other WG Chairs to not duplicate work

LEAD: ADAM will reach out to Native Hawaiian working group

STAFF: BRENDA

5. Other Sanctuaries as Models – Expand other MPAs, Colin started on this type of analysis with water quality will assist with ecosystem focused

LEAD: ADAM, JACK

STAFF: COLIN

6. Other Topics: Existing guidelines for ecosystem-based management. Need effort to establish guiding principles and include socio-cultural considerations. No overarching guidelines that are Pacific Islands focused. WesPac has ecosystem-based plan. Need to define what ecosystem is being addressed to protect. Lots of ecological work, but social/human dimensions less addressed.

LEAD: JACK

STAFF: JOE

Next SAC meeting: September, present recommendations in stages if need more time. Agreed that Ecosystem group slow start and will likely need more time.

WESPAC just released compendium of 3 meetings on ecosystem-based management

IV. Lisa explained the googlesites webpage content for the group. Will add folders for each topic

V. Public comment – no public in attendance

VI. SET MEETING TIME: Every other Wednesday 2pm.

ACTIONS: Review public comments on your own, Review assignments, get staff support assigned to 6 topic areas, for next meeting have topic leads share progress and any needs they have

Next meeting: 07/06/2011 at 2:00pm